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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

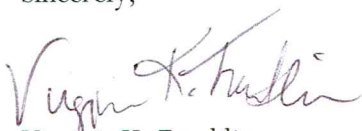
First, I'd like to thank you so much for your efforts to foster and promote sound spectrum management. Secondly, I want to urge you to approve LightSquared's License Modification Application. Those of us who live in rural America (extremely rural in my case – about a dozen families live in my tiny community), have been excited to see the FCC use words like *spectrum efficiency* and *spectrum use*. I have seen firsthand how access to broadband technology has transformed education, healthcare, and employment opportunities for my friends and neighbors.

I have followed LightSquared's endeavors, and I've written you before. Those of us familiar with the company's ongoing work to build a competitive nationwide mobile broadband network applaud its willingness to voluntarily relinquish the right to use its own licensed spectrum to protect the GPS industry. This is more than just an olive branch. With your approval, it is possible this step, along with your allowing LightSquared to share neighboring spectrum with the federal government, will help Americans finally realize the economic benefits of expanded spectrum.

Your public comments about making much more spectrum available for mobile broadband are on the money. Folks in rural parts of the country appreciate your commitment to seeing such opportunities through to completion, because there is truly a need for increased access in our communities. Also, as consumers, we recognize we are very near facing slower speeds and higher prices. By granting LightSquared's application, you'll be helping to ensure the company can build a network that will undoubtedly address many of these issues.

Please move efficiently as you address this important issue. I appreciate your time and attention.

Sincerely,

  
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